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University

Faith brings  
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Ingenuity sets  
us apart.



**A**n enthusiastic  
crowd cheers on  
the men's team  
in an exciting  
101-86 win over  
Ambassador  
College.

**T**he new  
women's  
basketball  
team should  
provide plenty  
of thrilling  
moments for  
the fans next  
season.

# first for the BLUE & GOLD

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The harsh klaxton sounds. The closely-fought basketball game is over and the LeTourneau team has won a victory. The Ladyjackets "high-five" each other and receive congratulations from the enthusiastic crowd of fans.

Ladyjacket's basketball? Women's varsity basketball has arrived at LeTourneau. The University plans to field its first-ever team for the 1994-95 season, and has named one of the nation's most outstanding coaches as head coach for the LeTourneau University

"Ladyjackets."

According to LeTourneau athletic director, Dr. Richard Beach, the team will be led by Mary Ann Otwell, who coached Panola Junior College to back-to-back NJCAA National Championships in 1977 and 1978 and Stephen F. Austin University to the NCAA Final Sixteen in 1981.

"We're extremely fortunate to have a person of Mary Ann Otwell's experience heading up our women's basketball program. Not only does she bring outstanding credentials to the



position, she is a person who has a great sense of perspective. She understands the appropriate role of athletics at a Christian university like

LeTourneau. I know she will do a superb job of developing our program," Beach said.

Otwell will immediately begin recruitment efforts and is also planning on setting up a full season schedule for the fledgling team ■

## The Purpose of Athletics

The intercollegiate athletic program at LeTourneau is an integral part of the total education program. The athletic program emphasizes the same goals and mission as the remainder of the educational program. Its purposes include:

- 1 To enhance the Christian institutional mission and to operate within the guidelines of that mission.
- 2 To provide the opportunity for students to compete in intercollegiate athletics.
- 3 To produce students who are well-rounded through the development of their physical skills as well as their academic abilities.
- 4 To help unify the campus.
- 5 To provide identity and enhance the image of LeTourneau University in the community and beyond.
- 6 To provide athletic competition at a level which is attainable with the stated mission and goals of the University.
- 7 To help recruit students.
- 8 To enhance the spirit and morale of the institution.
- 9 To provide additional extracurricular activity for students.
- 10 To aid in the overall education process of the students involved in the program.
- 11 To develop character in the student athletes.

"Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." II Cor. 6:2

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# True to the Mission ATHLETICS AT LETOURNEAU



President's  
Message

proposals out and ask for your prayers that it will be funded.

■ **Join a new NAIA conference made up of similar schools.** We have been an independent, and have found it difficult to field competitive teams against very dissimilar schools. The conference is now in the final planning stages.

■ **Add two women's varsity sports.** The new conference will require us to add winter and spring women's sports to our women's fall volleyball program. We have made the decision to add a women's basketball team, which will be launched during the 1994-95 season. A women's spring sport—probably women's tennis—will be added in another year or so, once adequate sports facilities are in place to support the team.

**OUR GOAL:** to provide a well-balanced program that allows for athletic competition, enhances the spirit and morale of the campus, provides a way for LeTourneau to be better represented in the sports community, and to do it in a way that is very compatible with our overall Christian purpose and mission. ■

## LETOURNEAU LOSES TWO FACULTY

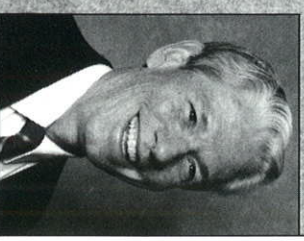
■ **In less than 48 hours the University unexpectedly lost two faculty members:** Craig Nimmo and Jack Ruth. Interestingly, while Ruth had come to LeTourneau only last August to be our missionary-in-residence, he and Nimmo had been long-time friends, having served together for many years in Papua New Guinea with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Today they continue to serve together—before the throne of grace. The University family extends its deepest sympathy to the families of these men of God and rejoices in the knowledge that they are now in the eternal presence of our Savior.

**Craig Nimmo dies following clot procedure**

Craig Nimmo, instructor in aviation technology, died Nov. 30, 1993, while undergoing a procedure to break up a blood clot. He had served on the faculty since 1989.

Nimmo was born in Darby, Penn. He had served with Wycliffe Bible Translators and Jungle Aviation and Radio Services (JAARS) in Papua New Guinea as an aviation mechanic before joining LeTourneau.

Nimmo was a member of Alliance Bible Church in Longview, where he joyously and actively served as an elder and Awana worker. He was a member of the Celtic Heritage club, and in spite of much kidding by friends and fellow faculty, Nimmo would entertain them by wearing his Scottish garb (including kilt) and playing tunes on his bagpipe. He was also a member of a Tae Kwon Do class held on the LeTourneau campus.



Senior Greg  
Anway  
(Woodbridge, Vir.)  
led the team with  
23 goals.

■ **Mention "big-time college sports" and what comes to mind?** "Win at any cost?" "Athletic excesses?" We've heard what happens when athletic programs become more important than anything else. These excesses attack the spiritual and moral fiber of a campus.

We certainly don't want a program where athletics is more important than academics. We are absolutely committed to an athletic program that is positive, balanced and fits into our mission and purpose as a Christian University.

Over the last eight years we have been examining the role intercollegiate athletics ought to play at LeTourneau.

We have learned that if we are going to have an athletic program and benefit from its positive elements, then we have to be competitive. While that doesn't mean we'll win every game, it does mean we should be capable of winning as many as we lose. Our teams must have a legitimate chance to succeed when they go on the field.

We have begun, after very careful consideration, to take steps to upgrade our intercollegiate athletic program and make it more competitive.

That process is ongoing. To ensure we are on a good footing, we first laid down a

strong philosophical foundation on which to build. We have identified the goals and purposes (see related article) on which we will build our program.

What specifically are we doing—and plan to do—to upgrade?

■ **Reintroduce scholarships to our athletic program at a very modest level.** Our scholarships are moderate, but make a difference. Scholarships encourage academically sound student athletes to use their God-given abilities at LeTourneau, where they can get a quality Christian education at the same time.

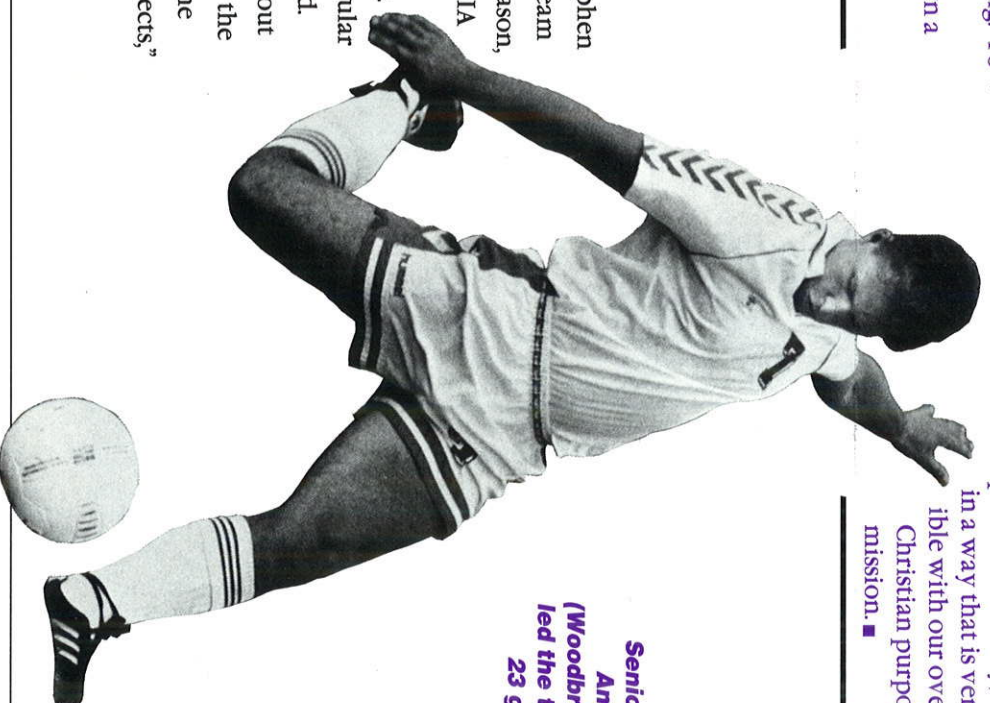
■ **Build a new athletic and recreational facility.** Our current gymnasium is woefully inadequate. A \$7 million project will create a functional, yet state-of-the-art facility to handle intramurals, classes, fitness programs and intercollegiate athletics. We have

## SOCCER TEAM REACHES PLAYOFFS

■ **Under Head Coach Stephen Barrett the men's soccer team completed a successful season, advancing to both the NAIA district playoffs and the NAIA regional playoffs.**

The team finished the regular season with an 11-10 record.

"We're very optimistic about next season, with most of the starters returning and some excellent freshman prospects," said Barrett.



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He is survived by his wife, Tana, three children and three grandchildren.

During a memorial service held for Nimmo, many of Nimmo's friends, including nearly a dozen students, spoke about what Nimmo had meant to them. Many commented on the way he continually encouraged others, showing care and genuine concern for their problems, no matter what he was going through himself. Lauren Bitkofer, chairman of the division of aviation and aviation technology, compared Nimmo to an eagle. "An eagle knows how to look for the right winds and air columns that will enable him to soar to greater heights than he could ever reach on his own. In the same way, Craig soared to great heights using a power that was not his own, but God's," said Bitkofer.

#### Jack Ruth victim of heart attack

Jack Ruth, long-time member of Wycliffe Bible Translators and LeTourneau University's missionary-in-residence, died Dec. 2, 1993, following a heart attack.

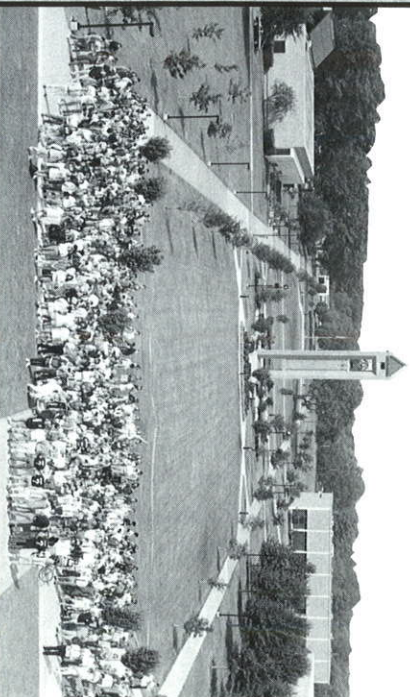
He is survived by his wife, Chic, who continues on as missionary-in-residence, his three daughters, Heidi Ruth Knodel,



Dawn Ruth  
Moyer and Joy  
Ruth Skinner,  
and two sons,  
Tim and Toby,  
who are  
LeTourneau  
students.

While only at LeTourneau just a few months, the impact Ruth made on the campus was great. Ruth's broad smile, "can-do" spirit and infectious enthusiasm for the Lord inspired and invigorated students. "He was always so excited about everything. He just glowed," said student Bridget Kulp. "Step out by faith" was a motto often repeated by Ruth.

Born in Colmar, Penn., Ruth trained as a civil engineer and put his education to use in the U.S. Army and later for several secular employers. But his call to missions and service in Papua New Guinea with Wycliffe Bible Translators motivated Ruth above all else. His passion was for missions. Through a combination of prayer, encouragement and friendly badgering, he relentlessly encouraged students to attend Urbana, a major missions event sponsored by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. In years past, a handful of students—never more than half a dozen—would make their way to Urbana. But more than 30 LeTourneau students attended the December 1993 conference, shattering all records for L.U. student involvement.



#### EVERYONE SAY "CHEESE!"

Resident students gather for a group photo on the campus mall. Spring enrollment figures topped the 1,800 mark for the first time, with 904 students enrolled in programs on campus and 929 studying in Tyler, Dallas and Houston. The 1,833 students represent the largest-ever student enrollment in the history of the University.

### Profile on Elliot Johnson

## SERMON ON THE MOUND

To the casual fan, sports may be just fun and games, but for Dr. Elliot Johnson, newly-appointed associate professor of physical education and head baseball coach, sports is a powerful vehicle for evangelism and for encouraging Christian growth.

Johnson comes to LeTourneau after a highly successful stint as head baseball coach at Trevecca Nazarene College (Tenn.), where he piled up an impressive 341-165 record. Most recently Johnson assisted at Middle Tennessee State University while pursuing his doctorate. He has received four "Coach of the Year" Awards. Johnson is also the author of eight books plus a number of devotional tracts and booklets which use athletic illustrations to teach biblical principles. *Sermon on the Mound*, for example, studies Matthew 5-7 using baseball terms. Other books by

Johnson include *The Point After* (Zondervan, 1987), and *Sports Extra* (Revell, 1989). "I want to use the influence God has given to me as a coach and professor in a way to draw others closer to Him," Johnson said. (A brochure describing Dr. Johnson's books and tracts, along with pricing and order information, can be obtained by contacting the LeTourneau Physical Education office.)

The 1994 YellowJackets have eight returners on the 16-man squad, including returning starters Bernie Martinez, a senior from North Bergen, N.J., Cary Olson, a junior from Viroqua, Wisc., and Erin Higgins a junior from Big Sandy, Texas. Coach Johnson hopes to once again have the team qualify for the district playoffs, an accomplishment achieved for the first time last season.



#### STUDENTS HONORED IN WHO'S WHO

The 1994 edition of **WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES** will include the names of 34 LeTourneau students. These students have been selected as national outstanding leaders.

#### OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

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**Ruth Burk, junior biology major from Gilmer, Texas, and Dr. Doug Ford, associate professor of chemistry, operate the University's new Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometer (FTIR). The purchase of the FTIR was made possible through a \$25,000 grant from the Hillcrest Foundation in Dallas.** "The instrument scans the infrared region of the electromagnetic spectrum and is used for analysis of compounds. It will be utilized in chemistry labs to give students an understanding of current methods in modern analysis," said Dr. Richard Johnson, chairman of the division of natural sciences, health and physical education.

**I**n 1990, a group of St. Louis business leaders commissioned the construction of a giant world globe to aid grade school children in their understanding of geography. The globe toured schools and helped students learn more about their world.

But the project ended and the globe was retired to a dusty warehouse. Through a series of events, it came into Duane Meentemeyer's hands. Meentemeyer, who is the father of senior Gregg Meentemeyer, contacted David Luckert, director of student activities and chapel, and offered the globe to LeTourneau.

"My first thought was: 'This would make a wonderful tool to encourage our students to think about

## What Do You Do with a 10-foot High World Globe?



missions," recalled Luckert. The globe was displayed in front of the Assembly Building during Missions Emphasis Week. Members of the International Student Organization

have volunteered to be responsible for the globe and intend to repaint and update it next summer.

*David Chatterpaul, a member of the International Student Organization (ISO), shows fellow student Dan Snow a geographic feature on LeTourneau's "World Missions Globe." The globe was donated through the efforts of Duane Meentemeyer of Mt. Pulaski, Ill.*

## David Pollack: A Heart for MKs



**M**issions Emphasis Week speaker David Pollack is the one of the world's leading experts on MKs—missionary kids. As founding director of Interaction, Inc. he has traveled the world counseling, giving seminars and consulting with missions leaders on the unique problems faced by children of missionaries and other expatriates. "I actually prefer the term 'third culture kids'

or TCKs," said Pollack. "Children raised out of their parent's country often do not feel they fit anywhere. They can't totally relate to either their home country or their adopted country. They are part of a 'third culture' that has elements of both." More than 60 LeTourneau students are children of missionaries.

## "God Will Never Call You to Missions"

**S**tudents all over the chapel were glancing at the Missions Emphasis Week bulletin, stopping, then more carefully re-reading keynote speaker David Pollack's message title for the opening address of the 29th annual missions conference held the last week of January.

Pollack's title: "God Will Never Call You to Missions"

Long-time faculty certainly were asking themselves, "How could Pollack possibly say that? Especially at LeTourneau! There are more than 300 LeTourneau alumni who are missionaries. Weren't they all called to missions?"

But as Pollack began to move through his address, the message became clear. Jesus' disciples were called to follow Christ, not a specific job. "Their task was obedience to their Lord," noted Pollack. "Christians are not called, they are commanded. God did not call a few of us to be missionaries. He commanded all of us to preach the gospel. God will never call you to missions. You are already commanded to go—we all are."

Pollack's powerful message was the opening thrust for the 29th Annual Missions Emphasis

Week. Missions Emphasis Week is designed for faculty, staff and students to set aside time to pray, listen, learn God's will and interact with missionaries—many of whom are alumni themselves. The week includes three major addresses by a special speaker, plus chapel periods where students attend several of more than two dozen seminars on missions.

Missions reps fan out across the campus and are invited to take portions of classes through the week. Missions displays are set up in the Memorial Student Center. The week culminates with an Alumni Missionary Chapel on Friday.

"LeTourneau is known as a place that sends out missionaries," said John Galiano, Director of Alumni Relations. "I love Missions Emphasis Week, especially when I hear what God is doing through the lives of our missionary alumni. Missions Emphasis Week is one of the most exciting times of the year."



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*December  
1993  
Graduation  
Sets  
Record*

LeTourneau University graduated 316 students in two commencement ceremonies held Saturday, Dec. 11. The 316 graduates came from 21 states and one foreign nation and represented the largest-ever number of December graduates. The number breaks last year's total of 301 graduates. Students from the main campus and educational sites in Tyler, Dallas and Bedford participated in the ceremony.

Dr. Kenneth Hall, former pastor of First Baptist Church in Longview and now president of Buckner Baptist Benevolences, was the featured commencement speaker for both services. Hall is also a member of the Board of Trustees for the University.



Coming Alumni Events:

- April 8-10**  
**HOMECOMING '94**  
Longview, Texas
- April 12**  
**ALUMNI RECEPTION**  
Philadelphia, Penn.
- April 13**  
**WELDING ALUMNI**  
**AWS DINNER**  
Philadelphia, Penn.
- May 7**  
**GRADUATION**
- June 30**  
**OSHKOSH EAA**  
**ALUMNI DINNER**  
"All Alumni Invited"

Homecoming '94  
Invitation



**Birne Wiley**  
**President of the**  
**Alumni Association**

**I trust that**  
**you will be able to**  
**join us this year at**  
**Homecoming '94**  
**to treasure**

**the many**  
**wonderful memories of**  
**LeTourneau. I have greatly**  
**enjoyed our reunions and**  
**campus activities and I'm**  
**confident you will too.**  
**I look forward to seeing**  
**you here!**

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# TREASURE<sup>H</sup> MEMORIES<sup>E</sup> 1994 Homecoming

FRIDAY  
APRIL 8, 1994

- 9am-4pm  
Campus Bookstore browsing
- 9:30am  
Classroom visits
- 10:30 am  
Alumni Chapel, - Gym
- 11:20 am  
Classroom visits
- Noon  
Lunch at Bodacious BBQ
- 3pm  
Tour of Airport
- 5pm  
Dinner with students, Cafeteria
- 6pm  
Registration - Gym
- 6:30pm  
Hootenanny in gymnasium—\$1 in advance
- 9pm  
Alumni Social - Bell Tower

**KIDS** ACTIVITIES

- 8am-Noon  
9:30am-3:30pm  
6:30pm  
9pm
- Preview Weekend activities for high school-age youth
- Youth Activities
- Movie - MSC3, Game Time - Hive
- Teen Time (games and treats)

SATURDAY

APRIL 9, 1994

- 7:30am  
8am  
10am  
Noon-1pm  
1pm-2pm  
2pm-3pm  
3pm  
5pm  
7pm
- Registration - MSC3
- Alumni Breakfast - MSC3
- Societies' Rope Pull - Pond
- Lunch - Pond area
- Class, Academic and Society Reunions
- Dr. McKinley on Bible prophecy - MSC3
- Alumni/Student Soccer Game
- Dinner with your class
- Rodeo - Gregg County Fairgrounds

**KIDS** ACTIVITIES

- 8am-3pm  
8am-Noon
- Youth Activities
- Preview Weekend activities for high school-age youth

SUNDAY

APRIL 10, 1994

- 8am  
9am
- Alumni Breakfast - Cafeteria
- Worship Service for Alumni - Speer Chapel

Call 1-800-259-ALUM for questions or reservations  
For preview weekend questions, call 1-800-759-8811

## Do You Know an Outstanding Alum?

Each year the Alumni Association selects the "Alumnus of the Year" from a group of distinguished candidates who have obtained a high level of professional accomplishment and who possess the highest standards of faith, integrity and character.

Candidates for "Alumnus of the Year" must be an alumnus/a/e of LeTourneau and should demonstrate continuing outstanding service to their church, their community, their profession and to the University. Above all, candidates must have a strong personal faith in God.

If you know someone whom you believe matches these criteria, please consider nominating him or her for this honor. Contact John Galiano, director of alumni relations or Kendall Harper, alumni relations assistant, at 1-800-259-ALUM for details and to obtain an official application form.

These nominees may also be considered for the University's new "Distinguished Service" awards, which honor alumni who have excelled in a particular career, service or volunteer capacity.

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**clubs and for**  
**banquets.**





# Alum Update

## IN MEMORY

50's

**Dr. Joseph D. Spinella** (MeS 51-52) passed away on June 6, 1993. He is survived by his wife, Freeda Spinella.

**Harrison N. Lauber** (53-55) went to be with the Lord on July 27, 1993. He was very active in his church, and the Western Indian Ministry. Harrison Lauber is survived by his three children and his wife, Elara Lauber.

## BABIES

80's

**Jim** (IE 80) and **Valerie Wahstrom** are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Adrienne Marie, on 9/20/93. Congratulations.

**David R.** (WT '80) and **Karen James** (ED 78-80) Johnson want everyone to know about their daughter, Jessica Caryn. She was born on 8/15/93 and joins Joshua, 10 and Caleb, 7.

**Mike** (AT /MI 81) and **Nancy Mahon** sent a lovely picture of Annette Mary. She was born 11/10/93 in Lima, Peru. The Mahons serve with South America Mission where Mike is an aircraft mechanic.

**Kevin** (WT '81) and **Colleen Walters** are pleased to have a fourth child. Stephen Daniel was born 6/7/93. The Walters are in Niger, Africa working with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

**Walter** (MT '82) and **Linda** (EN 82) Burklin have a third daughter. Mercy Madeline was born 9/30/93 in Zambia, Africa, and is their fourth child. The Burklin's are with Africa Evangelical Fellowship.

**Larry** (EE 82) and **Debra Cappella** welcomed a new son, Stephen Grant, born 5/21/93. Proud brothers are Jonathon, 6 and David, 3.

**Bill** (A UT '82) and **Shari Devenney** announce the arrival of William George Devenney, IV born 10/5/93. William has five older sisters. The Devenneys live in Moodus, Conn.

**David** (ME 83) and **Odiere Schotanus** received double blessings with the birth of twin sons, Hendrick Josef and Robert Jasper. They arrived on 8/13/93 in Holland where David works for Shell International.

**Jeff** (AT /BU 84) and **Patti Moser** have a new baby. Jessica Lynn was born 5/9/93 and weighed 6lbs, 14 ozs.

**Andrew** (ME 86) and **Lisa Hawker** had their first child on 9/21/93. Cloe Christine weighed 5lbs, 14 ozs. and was 19 in. long.

**Kevin** (BU 86) and **Ladecana Forbis** have added a daughter to their family. Lillie Michelle was delivered by her father at home on 9/14/93. Brother James thinks she is great.

**Tim** (AT 86) and **Chris Clark** were thrilled with the arrival of Drew Michael on 10/1/93. Big brother, Brett, welcomed him home.

**Tim** (MT /AT 87) and **Amanda Witten**'s first child is a boy. Luke Ernest, was born on 8/18/93, in Newfoundland, N.J.

**Larry** (WT 87) and **Sharon** (EN 86-87) **Douglas** are excited about the arrival of Philip Daniel. He was born 9/7/93, and weighed 9 lbs., 2 ozs. This is their sixth child.

**Ronald** (BU 88) and **Cindy Lance** were twice blessed with the arrival of Matthew Dale and Caleb Dale on 11/18/93. They join Melissa, 8 and Joshua, 5 in their League City, Texas home.

**Mark** (EE 88) and **Misty "Graff"** (DT 86) **Gunderson** now have a second son. Brant Mark was born 9/10/93 and joins big brother, Joshua.

**Francis** (DT 88-90) and **Carmen** (CS 88-91) **Christensen** joyfully share the news of their first baby, Catalina Shae. She was born 12/26/92 and weighed 6 lbs.

**Ken** (ET 88) and wife **Jamie Parfitt** would like you to know of their fourth son's birth. Dylan Andrew was born at home on 9/2/93. The Parfitts live in Mt. Morris, N.Y., where Ken works for Electro Net-works.

**Jeff** (ME 88) and **Dawn "Gregg"** (ME 88) **Pearson** are thrilled to have Isaac Anthony, who was born on 8/6/93. His proud sister is Gabrielle, 3.

**Brent** (WT 89) and **Kim McNeese** now have two children. Ethan Zachary was born on 5/21/93 and was welcomed by big brother, Hunter. The McNeeses live in Tishomingo, Miss., where Brent is a quality manager with The Heil Co.

**Shawn** (EE 89) and **Lisa "Clark"** (AC 88) **Lohstroh** want everyone to know about Mark Rainier. Born on 8/6/93, he was welcomed by his sister Lara, 21/2.

**Kevin** (ME 91) and **Susie Roundhill** have a third son, David Paul arrived on 9/30/93. He weighed 9lbs, 3 ozs. and was 20 inches long.

**Dan** (DT /BM 91) and **Michelle Schaller** announce the birth of Zachary Kenton on 11/5/93. He was 9lbs, 3ozs. and was 21 in. long. What a blessing!

**Jeff** (MT 91) and **Carlie Tucker** have a new addition to their family. Andrew Robert was born 7/31/93 and joins Kayla who is 3. The Tuckers live in Arizona where Jeff works for Karsten Mfg.

## WEDDING BELLS

80's

**Victor D Ettore** (AT 84) was married to Darla Shirey on 5/30/93 in Ohio.

**Barbara L. Beatty** (AC/CT 86) married James Gurka on 1/1/94 in Brenham, Texas.

**Matthew Ide** (EE 88) was married to Elizabeth Blachley on 10/24/93. Matt is an Electrical Engineer with MIT Lincoln Labs.

**Rocky Deneptitya** (EE 89) and Dr. Renka Fernando were married on 8/19/93 in Sri Lanka. The newlyweds live in Mississippi where Rocky is a professor at Alcorn State University.

**Ginger Greer** (EN 89) married Scott A. Johnson on 12/18/93 in Longview, Texas. Ginger works for Delta Airlines and Scott is a student at LeTourneau University.

90's

**Marlin Brubaker** (ET 91) married Ruth Owen on 9/4/93. Ruth is a graduate of Betha College and Marlin currently works for Mack Trucks in Hagerstown, Md.

**Trisha Rutter** (BU 91) married David Noble (MK 92) on 8/4/93. The wedding took place in Alberta, Canada, in a barley field. They are now living in Milwaukie, Ore., where David is director of marketing for Pacific NW Credit Union.

**Cindi Thoni** (BM 91) married Dr. Mark W. Allen on 5/22/93 in Carrollton, Texas. They make their home in Dallas. Congratulations.

**Tom Bagley** (EE 92) married Trish Kabel on 2/19/94 in Keuka Park, N.Y.

**Chris Cardenas** (ME 93) and Rae Bennett were married on 10/23/93, in Longview, Texas.

**Rydel Bonttrager** (BU /AT 93) married Marie Rodas 8/14/93 at the Waterford Mennonite Church in Goshen, Ind.

**Douglas Harvey** (BU 93) and Sherie Seidel (BU 93) were married 10/16/93 in Falls Church, Virg.

## CAREER NEWS

70's

**Jim Minton** (MT /WT 71) is now working as manager of engineering at Trinity Industries in Longview, Texas.

**Dr. Mike Fratzke** (PE 72) was selected as the NIAA District 21 Athletic Administrator Of The Year. Mike has been athletic director at Indiana Wesleyan University for 10 years.

**Robert D** (MT 73) and **Marsha** (70-73) **Johnson** are proud to announce that their son, Brian, was accepted into the U.S. Air Force Academy 7/93. The Johnsons live in Bend, Ore., where they own two appliance stores.

**Jim Boyle** (BI 74) was promoted to major in the Army Chaplain's Corp. He is serving with the special forces in Germany.

**Jeff Hoffart** (WT 78) is living in Kansas City and working as vice president and general manager of Plattner Welding Supplies.

80's

**Daniel Cutler** (AT 81) left the states for Botswana, Africa in November to begin a one-year term with Africa Evangelical Fellowship as an aircraft mechanic.

**David** (AT 82) and **Margaret LeMaire** are no longer with Helminston. David is now operations administrator for Great Lakes Helicopter in Ill.

**David Leppelmeier** (AT /BU 82) recently served in the Persian Gulf and in Somalia with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing. Dave flies the FA-18 Hornet strike fighter.

**Jay** (RE 82) and **Jackie Slagle** have resigned as career missionaries with Africa Evangelical Fellowship. They feel that the door has been closed for them at this time.

**Chris** (CSE 86) and **Karen Solih** are back in Texas. Yee Ha! They are living in Ft. Worth, where Chris is working for System Control Technologies. Their son, Christopher, is now 2.

**Doris "Dubisz"** (AC 86) and **Sere Seile** are tentmaker missionaries in Osaka, Japan. Doris teaches English and American cooking in a pioneer church. Steve is an engineer for Stafast Products.

90's

**Brian Heath** (BU /AT 90) has been transferred to Panama City, Panama with Chrysler Technologies Airborne Systems. He is working as a civilian contractor for the U.S. Air Force at Howard AFB.

**Tim** (AT 91) and **Mary Beth Daniels** are living in Minooka, Ill., where Tim works for the two airports in Joliet as mechanic/instructor.

**Scott Gardiner** (CSE 91) was promoted to control systems application engineer with Honeywell, Inc. He is also a part of Honeywell's Home & Building Controls North-east Engineering Center of Excellence which provides engineering standards and technical support for the Northeast.

**Charles Bushey** (MT 76) has returned to Longview, to begin his MBA studies at LeTourneau University.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

70's

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80's

**Gary Blackwell, Jr.** (BU 82) received a masters of business degree 5/93 from Husson College in Bangor, Maine. Gary and his wife, Lanette have three children, Linsey, Emily and Craig.

90's

**Marcena Deneptitya** (BU 93) is studying nursing at Alcorn State University in Mississippi.

## MISSIONS

60's

**Bryan** (AT 67) and **Carol Smith** celebrated 20 years with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Their prayer is that they will be able to return to Liberia soon and continue their ministry.

70's

**Nick** (MT 74) and **Tracy Brothers** direct the Cross Bar X camp in Durango, Colo. They had a great year ministering to young people from all over. Their work week is set for May 15-21 if anyone wants to volunteer. Call (303) 259-2716.

**Ron** (MT /AT 77) and **Donna Ponder** are in the U.S. for awhile. They serve with AIM International in Africa. Ron went back to Zaïre for six weeks in January to help with a church building project.

80's

**Mark** (ET /WT 81) and **Carol Kerk** live in Goshen, Ind., where Mark works at HCJB. In November, Carol was diagnosed with thyroid cancer and underwent thyroid surgery. She is making a good recovery.

**Mike** (AT 82) and **Julia Anne McCord** are serving with SIL in Zaïre, Africa. They are living in a very unstable economy. Pray for them as they continue God's work.

**Dave** (AT 83) and **Hilda Fyock** returned to Albania in January. They plan to serve there for four years. They will try to start an MAF program and offer services for all Christian mission organizations in Albania.

**Earl and Beverly "Sunmarborg"** (BY 83) **Rutledge** are working with MAF in Managua, Nicaragua. Earl is teaching school while Beverly cares for her children at home.

**Keith** (ET /AT 83) and **Jan Anderson** are in Guatemala with MAF. They plan to move to a city northwest of Guatemala City. They won't have a phone, but will have a ham radio. Any hams can contact them on 21.390 MHz on Sunday afternoons or 14.320 MHz Thursday evenings at 0200 UTC. Their call sign is KJ5NM/TG.

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Felton** (AT 67) and **Carol Bollinger** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on 9/21/93. They live in Waxhaw, N. C., where they work for Wycliffe Bible Translators.

## CAMPUS VISITS

70's

**Larry** (EM 76) and **Susan Devries** visited campus in December on their way to south Texas. It was Larry's first visit in 20 years.

80's

**John** (WT 81) and **Allyson Kinard** came by the campus in early January with their two children. They live in Argentina where John is project manager for Voith Hydro, Inc.



**John Galiano**  
Director of  
Alumni Relations

**TRYING TO PLEASE GOD IN '94?**

"Let me put this question to you: how did your new life begin? Was it by working your heads off to please God? Or was it by responding to God's message to you? Are you going to continue this craziness? For only crazy people would think they could complete by their own efforts what was begun by God. If you weren't smart enough or strong enough to begin it, how do you suppose you could perfect it?..."

"Answer this question: Does the God who lavishly provides you with his own presence, his Holy Spirit, working things in your lives you could never do yourselves, does he do these things because of your strenuous moral striving or because you trust him to do them?..."

In 1994, let us trust God in all that we do. Let us grow in a deeper relationship with God through prayer and His Word! Let us unite together in Christ, encouraging one another in this world's invisible "spiritual" war.

I pray that God will richly bless you and your loved ones this year!

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